



Canada's Banking System

BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE TIES binding Canada to both Britain and the United States, there is a tendency for us to compare our progress with that of the two countries. Both of these countries have populations many times greater than ours, and much more advanced industrially than Canada. In recent years it might be argued that we should look to them for a pattern upon which to model new developments here. It is a fact that we have profitably followed this way in the past, and that we may do so again. However, it should not be forgotten that some of our finest achievements have been purely Canadian in character, and we may be justly proud of our banking system in this way. One of these achievements is our commercial banking system, which is known as among the soundest and best organized in the world.

Remained Firm In Depression

Bankers and financial critics attributable to the banks have been unknown in Canada for many years. During the last depression which put a strain on all financial institutions, the Canadian banks remained firm and secure. In fact, only one bank failure has occurred in Canada since the last war, and that concerned a small bank which was not a member of the association of chartered structures. In that case all note holders were fully repaid. Canada is served by ten chartered banks, operating on a nation-wide scale, and serving the various parts of the country by means of branches. These branches, situated throughout the Dominion, now number 3,200, and they are managed by men who are well informed on financial matters and also familiar with local business conditions. In every community the banks have played an important part in developing and encouraging expansion in business, agriculture, and industry.

Have Helped In The War Effort

During this time the intimate knowledge of the financial and industrial life of the country has been placed by the banks at the disposal of the government. They have likewise offered their services with great reserve to assist with the war effort. In addition, valuable help has been given by the administering, rationing, selling, warehousing, and carrying out financial controls made necessary by the war. Regulations concerning foreign exchange are also administered by the banks. In the difficult transition from a wartime to a peace-time economy which will soon be confronting us, the banks will be of great assistance. We have no reason to doubt that they will play an important part in bringing us safely through that critical period, and that the Canadian banking system will continue to be one of our outstanding achievements.

Chapped Lips

MENTHOLATUM
Gives COMFORT Daily

Had Tough Job

Men Who Built Leth-Burns Road Have a Hard Job

The men who built the newly-opened Leth-Burns road boast that they completed the toughest road construction job ever undertaken.

Allied statistics on the construction of the 478-mile highway linking Canada and the outside world back up this boast.

The Leth-Burns road—renamed the Stillwell road—was built at the rate of a mile a day through some of the most rugged terrain in the world and over 4,000 foot mountain passes.

During one seven-month period, 175 inches of rain fell on the road, a tremendous amount when compared with the 45-inch annual average in eastern Canada.

These hard-working men also moved nearly 13,000,000 cubic yards of earth and stone to build a road that is five feet wide and ten inches high across the Dominion.

All of which gives the men the right to point to the Stillwell road and boast—look at that, buddy, we did it.



PATENTS

AN OFFER TO EVERY INVENTOR
List of Inventors and Full Information
How to Get a Patent
Registered Patent Attorney, 273 Bank
Street, Ottawa, Canada.

Clean Seed

One Of The Best Forms Of Crop Insurance

If there is any one thing more important than seed to a farmer, it is clean seed. In a surprisingly short time it will be seed time again and the farmer who is going to plant cleaned and tested for germination before spring comes.

Although large well equipped seed cleaning machinery is available to farmers in many parts of the country in Canada, it may not be conveniently near to some farmers who only alternative is to clean their own seed. The farm-sized fanning mill, however, can be a good job if carefully operated.

The labour of cleaning and handling seed on the farm may be considerably reduced when the facilities permit. The farmer can save time by having the cleaner to an overhead bin. From this bin the seed may be spaced back to the fanning mill for a second cleaning. It is necessary to run seed through the cleaner at least twice and sometimes three times to make a good job. If seed is to be cleaned a third time, it may be elevated to a second overhead bin. It is well to have the cleaner at the top of the mill on the floor below.

The grain should always pass thinly over the screens, otherwise proper separation of the seed and weed seeds cannot be secured.

The top or scalping sleeve of a seed-cleaning machine should be barely large enough to let the grain through. The size of grading screens should be graduated to the size of the grain which has been the beginning of the war and in recent months has been particularly concerned with the clearing of Allied ports supplying the B.R.A.

IREMEN'S FRIEND

Bill Oberling, a lunch-stand operator, is a favorite with the firemen at Indianapolis, Ind., for whenever the men are large to take care of their health, he loads his car with fruit and hot coffee to give them while working—all "on the house".

MANY VARIETIES

Though most people know only a few varieties of apples there are a large variety still grown as witness the many varieties submitted by the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board. On the list were a total of fifty varieties and an extra space left for "any others".

Approximately 50,000 new houses are built in London each year in normal times.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—May I buy both jam and honey on the same preserves coupon, for instance, if I buy one pound of jam for one lb. in exchange for just one coupon?

A.—Yes, you may purchase up to the value of each preserves coupon regardless of whether you are purchasing jam or honey. This is because each preserves coupon is worth 12 fluid ounces of jam or two lbs. net of honey. You may buy one pound of jam and half that amount of honey for just one coupon.

Q.—I was told the other day that preserves milk was no longer rationed. Is this correct?

A.—After January 31st coupons were no longer needed for the purchase of preserves in the western provinces—British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The other day I asked for a preserves coupon and was told that the preserves are to be housed in cans and boxes already doing full service.

Q.—So this is distinctly not a time to neglect a roaring fire, to take any necessary safety equipment, to put out a fire when we go to bed, etc. The weather will give me two lumps. I thought that customers go to the store for sugar and were entitled to three lumps of sugar.

A.—Due to reduced quotas of sugar, of course, we are not entitled to three lumps of sugar are now served with the meal.

Q.—Do coupons provided for armed forces' leaves expire?

A.—Coupons on ration card folders are issued to service men and women to not exceed three months and are to be used during the particular time for which they are provided.

Please answer your questions or request information on the following: *Consumer's News* or the *Book* in which you keep track of news of the war. Address your name or name of this paper to the nearest War Office or Trade Board office in your province.

Wheat Carryover

Conditions Favorable For Maintenance Of Supplies In North America

Because of very favorable crops in Canada and the United States, combined available supply of wheat in the two countries in 1944-1945 will be divided by 1943-1944, and the combined net availability of the countries will likely approach 700,000 bushels at the end of the crop year against 670,000 bushels last year.

The bureau said that a stock of 100,000 bushels in Argentina at Dec. 1 is expected to meet 180,000 bushels. The new crop was still officially estimated at 165,700,000 bushels, with the trade suggesting a higher figure.

Canada was making an effort to stretch her crop year supplies of 123,000,000 bushels as far as possible.

The sale of wheat for feed during the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, 1944, and it was hoped that this restriction coupled with the new crop will result in the use of wheat for feed during the present crop year at 43,000,000 bushels.

Two school girls were occupied with their lessons when the younger asked, "What does *avordupois* mean?"

"Well, I couldn't say just what it means in English," answered her friend doubtfully, "but in French it means *fat*."

Lieutenant—I've been trying to see you all week. When may I have an appointment?

Colonel—Make a date with my secretary.

Lieutenant—I did, sir, and we had a grand time, but I still want to see you.

"Yes, I'll come with you if you'll wait while I change these traffic-cop shoes?"

"Traffic-cop shoes? Why do you want them?"

"Because everything's all right while I keep going, but if I park anywhere it's always *ouchie* much pain," he said.

Lieutenant—*What's that?* *ouchie* much pain?"

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Grapes have been selling in open market at Dublin for 29 shillings (about \$1.50) a pound.

icycle wheels that pump up their own tires and keep punctured tires hard are being made by a Liverpool firm.

Miss Emmeline Berry, Bourne-mouth, Eng., who died Aug. 2, left \$1,000,000 estate to the exchequer to reduce the national debt.

American airmen now are almost entirely encased in armor when making missions over Germany. Their new flak suit is a specially hardened steel suit as far as possible.

The world's reserves of soybeans will be held near Paris within six months after the end of the war in Europe. Pelle Drolle, international soybean commissioner, announced.

Ontarians are the greatest users of oil in the world, according to the London Economic. Their consumption per person is five times as high as in the United States.

Admiral Sir Harold M. Burroughs has been appointed naval commander of Allied expeditionary forces under Gen. Eisenhower, in succession to the late Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay.

In Adelaide, Australia, a factory which had been making hand grenades has switched over to alarm clocks. Before the war Australia imported 600,000 clocks a year and made none herself.

Goebls has \$1,850,000 in Buenos Aires, plus \$500,000 in bonds in the Osvaldo branch of the Bank of Japan. Rudolf Hess is supposed to have tucked away \$400,000 in São Paulo, Brazil.

Usually Works

Fireman Called In Emergency
Evidently Understood Small Boys

A young mother was having great difficulty with her three-year-old son, who had locked himself in the bathroom, and other efforts to open the door did not unlock the door. Finally, in desperation, she called the fire department.

After a brief wait, a burly fire captain ran up the front steps with an axe in one hand, a fire extinguisher in the other. She explained her predicament but instead of going back for an ax, he asked her for the key. When he had it, he unlocked the door, and the boy, with his mother's assistance, got out.

"It works just about every time," exclaimed the grinning captain—Reader's Digest.

QUICK DRIVING PAINT

In newly discovered infra-red lamps, paint which has received their coat of paint are dried in one sixtieth of the time occupied by the normal method. A military general purpose car can be dried in 30 minutes after being spray-painted with two coats of enamel, says a report in London.

THE RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

A dairy products firm in Springfield, Mass., is manufacturing Cydna Tushonka. It's a canned meat and vegetable hash combination that serves as a type of K-ration for Russia's armed forces.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Mrs. Donahue's husband has the best taste in clothes—why can't your pants look as well on me as his do on her?"

ARMoured Train Engine Disguised As Box Car



One of the best known diesel locomotives in Canada—the 9000 of the Canadian National Railways—has not been discharged from military service. On the secret list since shortly after the start of the war, the 9000 had been completely remodeled in the early rail yards at Montreal to furnish the power for an armored train. These shops also converted four all-steel Canadian National flat cars and three all-steel box cars for the 9000, which was used to haul British Columbia until the Japanese invasion message disappeared. The locomotive was covered with armor plates and camouflaged to look like a box car, making it difficult for the enemy to spot it in case of attack.

At present, the 9000 is in the Canadian National Railways' shops at Montreal, having its armor plate removed and other changes effected to fit for passenger service. All of the cars have been stripped of their freight equipment and freight runs, chiefly in the Central Region of the National System, until the outbreak of the war.

The Canadian National Railways pioneered the development of diesel power for railway service in Canada. This was in 1928, when the 9000 became the first of the electric rail cars. This unit, the first in North America to make a transcontinental run was designed and built in the

company's shops. On its trial run it traveled between Montreal and Vancouver in 67 hours running time. By the end of 1928, the 9000, which was Canada's first diesel locomotive, was then the largest and most powerful locomotive of its kind in the world. Later, converted to a single unit engine, the 9000 had a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour and freight runs, chiefly in the Central Region of the National System, until the outbreak of the war.

When the 9000 went into war service, its 12-cylinder engine was replaced with a new V-type, two cycle, 16-cylinder engine.

Above, a section of the armored train. Below, the 9000.

Room Finds Intact

Newspaper Man Also Profited In

French Jester Fooled Gestapo

Dick de Rochemont of Time and Life, who has an apartment in Paris. One day, while he was away in Unoccupied France, the Gestapo came to his door.

The concierge moved all of de Rochemont's belongings, and the Gestapo found the room bare except for the jester's clothes. This was the first of the Gestapo's raids there, paid the rent regularly, every three months in advance, up until a few days before the Gestapo came.

De Rochemont, new from New York to Paris, he found his apartment with his belongings intact, paid 15 days' rent paid by the Gestapo.

For Cargo Only

One Ship Company Is Planning To

Limit Passenger Accommodation

The London Daily Mail says at least one of Britain's most famous shipping companies is planning to restrict first-class passengers in its future ships in the belief that the war passengers who once paid for first-class tickets will want to travel by air instead.

The company in question is ICI, which supplies ships for them. Its surface ships of the future will cater almost entirely for cargo.

Limited passenger accommodation, to be offered at relatively low rates, is to be intended for people who like sea travel of their own sake.

One bushel of potato "eyes," used as seed will produce between 10 and 15 bushels of potatoes.

Not Good Business

American Manufacturers Did Not

Consider Feelings Of Chinese

Customers

A Chinese friend gives us this example of the American manufacturer's inept way of dealing with foreign customers. "In China, when we are learning our role in the cause of joy and happiness. Despite this—before the war—American-made goods continued to reach China wrapped in white paper because German packages were of fine paper, red. And no amount of arguing with the Americans could make them change their ways—make them 'see red'." The good old American feeling of self-confidence—but not good business—Detroit Times.

Snakes, because of the elastic nature of their jaws, are able to swallow prey four times larger than the normal diameter of their throats.

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Joint Project Launched By United Nations

MONTREAL. The world's greatest joint humanitarian project, launched by 44 nations and associated nations, the United Nations relief and rehabilitation arm started its work armed with free authority and clarified aims as a result of the 10-day council meeting concluded here.

Results of the conference, in brief,

1 Extension of the administration's power to spend up to \$100,000,000 to aid children, mothers and dis-

placed persons.

2. Inclusion of refugees of enemy nationality among those who may be helped back to their homeland or otherwise repatriated, provided they are refugees from enemy prosecution for racial, religious or political reasons.

3. Extension of relief to the 80,000 Greek residents of the Dodecanese islands.

4. Revision and emergency application of the existing international conventions on measures for the prevention of epidemics.

5. Approval of a budget of \$11,500,000 for administration costs in 1945. \$7,500,000 to be collected from member nations to be added to an estimated \$4,000,000 which will be unused from this year's appropriation.

6. Provision for the admission of Denmark as a member nation as soon as there is a Danish government qualified to make application and without further approval of council.

Secretary Of State For India Defends Army

LONDON. A vigorous rebuttal was made by Secretary of State for India Amery of the charges made recently by the American journalist Drew Pearson, that India's voluntary army of two million is a mercenary army and let me with the feeling that even a large section of the Indian population disliked British rule in India they fell much more firmly to the prospects of German or Japanese rule and would fight freely to prevent it.

Mr. Amery declared the largest proportion of men in the Indian army had joined it in a just cause and those political leaders who have been fighting Britain continuously on all domestic issues have found that the Allied cause in this war commands little of them.

He described Pearson's assertion that the Indian army is a mercenary army as "muck-raking" and said "certainly the Indian soldiers are paid as an all-volunteer army, the mercenary fraction of that which the American soldier is paid. If the charge of mercenary is true about the Indian army then it was true about the British army which fought the Germans in the early years of the last war."

Here Amery might have added a charge of mercenary since he had been advised to withdraw the Canadian army but for Pearson has not done so, only out and out Nazis like Lord Haw Haw have done so.

In reply to the charges of poor morale and quality of the Indian army, Mr. Amery pointed out the magnificent fighting record of the fourth, eighth and tenth Indian divisions in the 10th and 18th Indian armored divisons that the Canadian armored brigade has been fighting on and off since last January. Of the Indian divisions which have fought the Germans he said: "None knows better than General Stilwell himself what his efforts and the whole campaign against the Japs owes to the Indian army."

In reply to Pearson, Mr. Amery said that during this generation at least India's war effort had not been restricted through lack of native industry and he pointed to the terrific expansion of India's textile industry during the war as an example of this. He pointed out that India had imposed tariffs against Britain for 23 years and that in that period had greatly developed its own industries. When asked to amplify what he meant he said India felt they were fighting for a good cause. Mr. Amery was asked to say what that cause was to prevent Germany and Japan from imposing their rule upon India was sufficient cause in the minds of Indians to fight.

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R.H. A. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, who recently visited one of Canada's new escort ships, H.M.C. Lachlan, in Halifax.

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Warns Canadians

Finance Minister Does Not See Early Easing Of Controls

TORONTO.—A combination of continued war expenditures and increased private expenditures held promise of jobs for all who want them in the period after the collapse of Germany, Finance Minister Isley said.

In an address prepared for delivery at a meeting of the Canadian Association of Personal Publication Editors, Mr. Isley sounded the keynote of Canada's Seventh Victory Loan campaign which opens Oct. 23 with a minimum objective of \$1,300,000,000.

While Mr. Isley was optimistic about employment prospects following the collapse of Germany he did not look for a general easing of controls at that time.

"Some scarcities are bound to continue, particularly scarcities of foodstuffs and various goods for consumers," he said.

"Therefore we must continue to keep spending in check by victory bonds, by fairly high taxation and by price control and, where necessary, rationing."

PEACE MEMORIAL

Peace To Be Constructed On Mutual Cooperation

TORONTO.—A permanent peace memorial park will be constructed on the border between Ontario and Manitoba, it was announced here by Ontario Minister of Public Works and Minister of National Resources, Hon. George H. Dewart.

The park will be constructed jointly by two provincial governments.

Plans for the park have been under consideration for 20 years, Mr. Dewart said. He has just returned from Winnipeg where he received the approval from Eric Willis, Manitoba minister of public works.

The park will be 30 miles east of Kincardine, Ont., and will have buildings where tourists and visitors may stay.

In Recent Fight Off Brest



Lt.-Cmdr. Robert P. Welland, commanding officer of the famous Canadian frigate Assiniboine, shown in his cabin studying a chart of the French coast during recent operations off Brest. The Assiniboine was the only Canadian ship among five British destroyers screening the British battleship H.M.S. Warspite in the engagement.

Anglo-Dutch Confab—Belgium



Left to right: Lt.-Col. Gen. Horrocks, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, study a Dutch map at Gen. Horrocks' headquarters near Brussels.

War Criminals Will Not Escape Says Churchill

LONDON.—Prime Minister Churchill promised a sharp crackdown on war criminals and the hours of lords delayed treatment of a post-war German as a punishment recommended in what some persons have called its "victor's section."

Asked whether neutrals had been properly warned against harboring war criminals and whether Adolf Hitler's particular might escape, Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons causally:

"It is not my intention to allow the escape of these men to be effected without exerting all the necessary efforts which we have to refuse war criminals."

He added, however, that Spain was not among the neutrals which already have agreed to refuse to all.

Mr. Churchill, cheered as he returned from his conference with President Roosevelt, projected "a joint conference of the United Nations" to discuss such post-war proposals as may grow out of Washington's Dumbarton Oaks conference, but added that no commitment had yet been made by the house of lords a sharp but inconclusive debate was touched off by Lord Vansittart, leading British exponent of a hard peace for Germany, who demanded to know "who may be occupied in Germany" and if the defeated Reich suggested to a no-fraternization order be issued to all Allied troops in Germany.

He urged that it be made clear "as conquerors, best by reducing the German nation to sufficient spiritual humiliation and military impotence."

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New Deputy Minister



—Canadian Army photo

Mr. Alexander Ross, of Ottawa, has been appointed as Deputy Minister of National Defence, succeeding Lt.-Col. George C. Cuthbert G.T. R.O. McRae, who retired recently.

Mr. Ross returned from overseas recently where he was Financial Superintendent at Canadian Military Headquarters.

to make it impossible for them to be in the same way again."

Lord Cranborne, government leader of lords, said that the house of lords had been told that the Allies' aim was "not a slave state" even though "we can hold the German people (as represented with the Nazis) entire guilties for these continued aggressions."

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HEAVY SHIPMENTS

Canadian Beef For Britain Will Reach Total Of 100,000,000 Pounds

OTTAWA.—Canada has shipped 61,400,000 pounds of beef to the United Kingdom since late last fall and it is expected shipments will reach a total of 100,000,000 pounds by the end of the year, agriculture officials said.

The beef has been shipped under an agreement announced by Agriculture Minister Garner in July and it is to be sold for completion of the contract for the purchases will be announced shortly.

Purchases on the United Kingdom account totalled 70,310,000 pounds to September.

In the British House of Commons William Mahane, parliamentary assistant to the ministry of food, said a contract for the purchase of beef from Canada was under negotiation.

STOP PROHIBITED

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. state department announces that after American ships northbound from South America will be prohibited from stopping at Argentine ports.

Vanguard Of Canadian Troops Now In Australia

MELBOURNE.—The first contingent of Canadian troops has arrived in Australia, a party of nine officers and 63 other ranks.

Hon. C. Davis, Canadian high commissioner, welcomed the troops and hinted they were the vanguard of a Canadian Pacific army.

A present small force of Canadian troops consists of contractors and maintenance workers who will be concerned with the use of the Australian army of Canadian-made equipment.

It was apparent that shortly there would be only one theatre of war in the Pacific, Mr. Davis said. "I do not know what form our contribution will take, but we have a great navy and I think it is worth we see to that in the Pacific."

"We have the fourth largest air force among the Allied Nations and I expect that this fury, too, will be turned against the Japanese."

"I do not know what the precise role of the army will be, but you have the distinction of being the first force of Canadian soldiers to set foot on Australian soil," said Mr. Davis. "You will find yourselves very much at home and learn to love this country and admire its people who I have done."

Australia only escaped invasion by a narrow margin, Mr. Davis added, and the country would have given the people of Canada more pleasure than to have seen substantial aid to Australia at that time, but the Allied chiefs of staffs arranged for Canadians to remain mostly in the European theatre until Hitler had been defeated.

ONE SOLUTION

U.S. Vice-Admiral Thinks Allies Will Win

WASHINGTON.—Vice-Admiral Emory S. Land, chief of America's wartime merchant marine, swears in to the capital's argument over German and Japanese foreign policy that the Allies should sweep up both German and Japanese foreign trade and divide it among themselves.

Denial of world commerce to the Axis powers, he said, should be as a modern industrial nation. Admiral Land made clear, and in advocating such a course he apparently ranged himself alongside Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau in favoring the return of Germany specifically to an agricultural state.

Admiral Land said he saw "no impossibility in making pastoral nations our enemies who have proven they don't know how to keep the peace."

Testifying before a house post-war sub-committee on foreign trade and shipping, he said that in his opinion Germany and Japan should have no ships except those for coastwise river and harbor traffic.

ROBOT BOMB SITES

Canadian Officer Estimates At Least 300 Overrun In France

WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY IN FRANCE—At least 300 bombing sites in France alone were overrun by Canadian, British and Polish forces of the First Canadian Army as they swept up the rocket coast in pursuit of the German army. More sites have been found in Belgium but there is no estimate yet of the number.

There are expected to be others in Holland.

The estimate of 300 was made by Canadian officers whose special task has been to investigate these sites, enumerate them, and check about construction and employment.

DESTROYED FACTORY

LONDON.—Norwegian circles in London say Norwegian saboteurs blew up the Konigsberg arms factory in southern Norway, Sept. 16th, putting a large part of it out of commission.

The factory was the only one of its kind in Norway and produced cannon, machine guns and small arms.

OPINION OF DE GAULLE
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE BELFORT FRONT.—General Charles de Gaulle told French army correspondents that the end of the European war must not be expected before next spring, "contrary to hopes too hastily conceived."

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. H. H. Hepburn, of Edmonton, has been elected president of the Alberta division, Canadian Medical Association, it was announced at the annual convention.

